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****Jamaican Murder Suspect Apprehended by U.S. Marshals In Columbus Neighborhood****

Today, Deputy U.S. Marshals converged on 4362 Thorn Apple Circle East in Columbus, in pursuit of Ricardo Lyons. Lyons, 25, a Jamaican citizen, was wanted for questioning surrounding a 2002 murder that took place in Queens, New York. At 6:30 AM Deputy Marshals ascended on the Thorn Apple address which lies on the north side of Columbus, where it was suspected Lyons was hiding out. An unidentified black male was detained and after questioning it was determined that the man was Ricardo Lyons.

Lyons was wanted for questioning for his alleged involvement in the murder of Sylvester Edwards, 46, of New York. According to the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force, on June 21, 2002, an argument occurred between Lyons and Edwards at 21 Williams Court, in Queens, New York. A fight between the two began at which point Edwards was thrown to the ground and shot twice in the head.

The successful and safe apprehension of Ricardo Lyons was a coordinated joint effort from the New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force which is comprised of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, and the U.S. Marshals from Columbus, Ohio. The U.S. Marshal for the Southern District of Ohio, James Wahlrab, commented on the speed with which today's apprehension took place, stating "Within hours of receiving a tip, task force members and Deputy Marshals were able to join forces and capture a suspected murderer."

Each year the U.S. Marshals Service sponsors task Forces which arrest more than 27,000 state and local fugitives wanted on violent felony charges. That totals more arrests than all other federal agencies combined.
